



Access to Gender-Affirming Primary Care in BC

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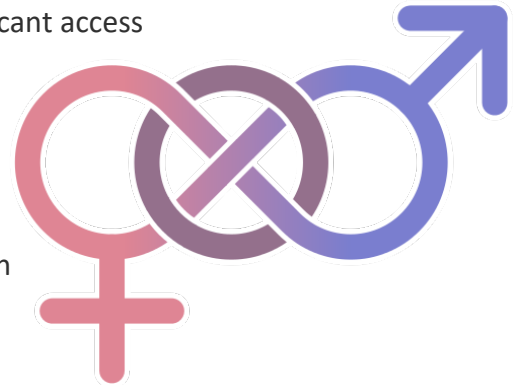
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A growing number of British Columbians are seeking gender-affirming health care, throughout the province. As many care providers have not had the opportunity to learn about trans-specific care in their training, this can lead to significant access barriers, requiring clients to seek care far from home.

The Provincial Health Services Authority launched the Trans Care BC program in October 2015, in an effort to increase capacity, competency and the cultural safety of gender-affirming care across the province, with a focus on access to trans-sensitive care over the lifespan.



This presentation will touch on the following three topics:

- **Trans Cultural Safety Basics:** Addressing core competency issues in working with transgender populations, key concepts, social impacts, and recommendations for improving service provision through policy and practice.
- **Trans Care BC overview:** A look at the current and future state of access to gender-affirming care in BC.
- **Primary Care:** In line with the *Standards of Care* developed by the World Professional Association for transgender Health (WPATH), there is a growing recognition that most gender-affirming care can be delivered within primary care services.

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